

In The Claims:

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3. (Currently Amended) A system as recited in claim [[1]] 5 wherein said thermistor is coupled to a heat exchanger.
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5. (Currently Amended) ~~A system as recited in claim 1 wherein An~~
X-ray system comprising:
an X-ray tube temperature sensor generating a temperature signal; and
a fan coupled to said temperature sensor, said fan having a speed that
varies in response to said temperature signal, said temperature sensor comprising
comprising a thermistor in parallel with a shape resistor, said thermistor and shape
resistor being in series with a gain resistor.
6. (Original) A system as recited in claim 5 further comprising a shunt in parallel with said thermistor and said shape resistor, said shunt has an open positioned and a closed position.
7. (Original) A system as recited in claim 6 wherein said shunt is normally opened.
8. (Original) A system as recited in claim 6 wherein said shunt is thermally activated.
9. (Original) A system as recited in claim [[1]] 5 wherein said temperature sensor has a non-linear output.
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12. (Currently Amended) A system as recited in claim ~~[[10]]~~ 14 wherein said thermistor is coupled to a heat exchanger.

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14. (Currently Amended) ~~A system as recited in claim 10 wherein A~~
CT system comprising:

an X-ray tube;

a heat exchanger coupled to the X-ray tube;

a temperature sensor generating a temperature signal;

a fan coupled to said temperature sensor, and

a controller generating a fan speed that varies in response to said temperature signal; said temperature sensor comprises ~~comprising~~ a thermistor in parallel with a shape resistor, said thermistor and shape resistor being in series with a gain resistor.

15. (Original) A system as recited in claim 14 further comprising a shunt in parallel with said thermistor and said shape resistor, said shunt has an open positioned and a closed position.

16. (Original) A system as recited in claim 15 wherein said shunt is normally opened.

17. (Original) A system as recited in claim 15 wherein said shunt is thermally activated.

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19. (Currently Amended) ~~A method as recited in claim 48~~ A method of operating an X-ray system comprising:

measuring a temperature of an X-ray tube;

controlling a fan speed in response to said temperatur ; and

when a temperature reaches a predetermined temperature, maintaining a predetermined fan speed.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~A method as recited in claim 18 wherein controlling comprises controlling the fan speed~~ A method of operating an X-ray system comprising:

measuring a temperature of an X-ray tube; and
non-linearly controlling a fan speed in response to said temperature.